Activities of Technology Mission on drinking water

*79. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had decided to set up 128 desalination plants in the country as part of the Technology Mission on Drinking Water;

(b) if so, what is the total allocations made by Government for the Technology Mission on Drinking Water;

(c) whether the above Technology Mission had decided to look after 1.5 lakh villages which have no provision of drinking water within a 1.6 km radius; and

(d) if so, whether such sites have already been identified and if so, their locations and to what extent the drinking water has been provided to those sites till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) to (d) The Central Government has decided to set up 128 desalination plants in the country as part of the Sub Mission on Desalination of Water under National Drinking Water Mission.

The total allocation for setting up 128 desalination plants in different States/UTs in the country including the cost of operation and maintenance for a period of 3 years is estimated at about Rs. 28 crores.

At the commencement of the 7th Plan as on 1-4-89, there were 1,61,722 identified problem villages to be provided with safe drinking water facilities. Out of these problem villages 24,567 were covered in 1985-86 leaving 1,37,155 problem villages to be covered when the National Drinking Water Mission was launched. As on 1-4-89, 20,866 problem villages remained to be covered with safe drinking water facilities out of which 16,671 will be covered in 1989-90 and the remaining 4195 are likely to spill over to the 8th Plan.

The sites for installation of desalination plants have already been identified and their locations are shown in the Annexure. (*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 19). The installation of plants is in different stages and will be completed by 31-3-90. Desalinated water will be provided in these locations as and when the plants are actually commissioned between August, 1989 to 31st March, 1990.

Implementation of Jawahar Lal Nehru Rozgar Yojna

*80. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to give gainful and durable employment to one member of each poor family during 1989-90 under the Jawaharlal Nehru Rozgar Yojna;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry have received any representations from any quarter for increasing the number of districts to be selected under the said scheme;

(d) the criteria fixed by Government in this regard;

(e) whether Government have invited suggestions from the State Governments to select districts on the basis of the above criteria;

(f) if so, the names of the districts suggested so far;